

Whereas, it is with special pleasure that the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize the Reeds Spring R-IV School District in Reeds Spring, Missouri, which received a Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce 2002 community award during the Chamber's annual black tie dinner and gala held February 21, 2003, at the Chateau on the Lake in Branson; and

Whereas, the Reeds Spring R-IV School District was presented with the Chamber's Beautification Award in recognition of its "R" Project, an ongoing program that is run by high school students who work to respect, reduce, recycle, and reuse; and

Whereas, the "R" Project is spearheaded by 2001 Missouri Teacher of the Year Mike Collins, a science teacher at Reeds Spring High School who established the project in 1993, since which time it has grown and diversified to include a greenhouse and composting equipment; and

Whereas, the "R" Project has received numerous awards, including the Governor's Pollution Prevention Award, Environmental Protection Agency Region VII Environmental Project of the Year award, and the President's Environmental Award, which students from Reeds Spring High School traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept from President George W. Bush; and

Whereas, it is entirely fitting and proper that this legislative body should pay tribute to Mike Collins and each student affiliated with the Reeds Spring R-IV School District's "R" Project, a remarkable group of individuals whose generosity and kindness of spirit are evident in all they do for the Branson community and their fellow man; and

Whereas, young citizens such as those involved in the Reeds Spring "R" Project continue to demonstrate a deep concern for the environment by committing themselves to special endeavors which are designed to preserve and protect this world for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and best wishes to the Reeds Spring R-IV School District upon its most worthy receipt of the Branson/Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce 2002 Beautification Award; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the Reeds Spring R-IV School District in Reeds Spring, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Dennis Wood
District No. 62

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 574, adopted March 4, 2003.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker